

**Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Special Meeting
Approved Minutes
Monday, January 28, 2019
7:00pm
Town Hall, 14 Park Place, 3rd Floor, Council Chambers
Vernon, CT**

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1. Call to Order and roll call

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members Richard Clark and James Simon. Jason Seacat was absent.

Staff Present: Shaun Gately, Interim Town Planner

Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

1.1 Election of Officers

This item is tabled until the next meeting when all members are present.

2. Administrative Actions/Requests

2.1 Amendment to Agenda – Additional business to be considered under “Other Business requires Commission vote

- Nothing to add as this is a Special Meeting.

2.2 Acceptance of minutes of December 17, 2018

- Richard Clark motioned to accept the minutes from the December 17, 2018 meeting as presented. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2.3 Communications Received not related to agenda items

- Connecticut Wildlife – November/December 2018 issue

2.4 Letters Sent by Conservation Commission last month

- Correspondence via email to IWC regarding IWC-2018-06 supporting Commission Modification of a Wetlands Permit for drainage improvements.

2.5 Organizational Considerations

- None

3. Open Space Program Update

No communication has been received regarding Open Space.

4. New Business

4.1 Application Review and Comments for Inland Wetland Commission:

- Application (IWC-2019-01) of Ann Letendre, Friends of the Hockanum River Linear Park, Inc., for Commission Modification of a Wetlands Permit for boardwalk and general rail improvements at 27 Pleasantview Drive (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 04, Parcel 027), 37 Pleasantview Drive (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 04, Parcel 026), and additional parcel on Pleasantview Drive (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 04, Parcel 028).

Shaun Gately, Interim Town Planner, explained application. Discussion ensued.

James Simon motioned for Chairman Ryan Goad to send an email to IWC in support of Application. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- Application (IWC-2019-02) of Robert Grasis, WPC Director, for a Wetlands Permit by Commission for upgrades and rehabilitation of existing structures, building new electrical substation, upgrades to pipes and utilities, demolition of various buildings at the Town of Vernon's Sewer Treatment Plant, 100 Windsorville Road (Assessor's ID: Map 07. Block 02, Parcel 01).

Shaun Gately, Interim Town Planner, explained application. Discussion ensued.

James Simon motioned for Chairman Ryan Goad to send an email to IWC in support of Application. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Pending Planning & Zoning Applications:

- PZ-2018-13 Strong Family Farm, Inc. for a Special Permit with Site Plan for Adaptive Re-Use at 274 West Street
- PZ-2018-14 Economy Oil Change, Inc. for Site Plan and Special Permits for the development of a car washing facility at 56 Talcottville Road
- PZ-2019-01 William Dowty for a Zone Change at 80 Wilson Lane

Shaun Gately, Interim Town Planner, informed the Commission on the status of each Application.

4.3 Natural Resources

- Vernal Pools

Further discussion will resume when Jason Seacat is present, as he has all materials.

- Bolton Lakes Issues

The Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance met on 1/9/19. Nothing to report that relates to Vernon at this time.

5. Other Business/Goals/Discussion

5.1 Future Activities

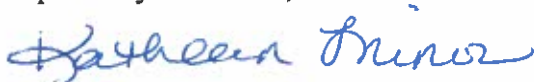
The Greater Vernon Holistic Healthfest is April 6th and 7th at VCMS. Discussion ensued about incorporating a presentation regarding invasive species.

Initiatives relating to the Sustainable CT Certification Program will be discussed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

6. Adjournment

Richard Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor
Recording Secretary